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CITY OF BEAVERTON ENTERS INTO EXCLUSIVE NEGOTIATIONS WITH DEVELOPERS FOR WESTGATE SITE

BEAVERTON, Ore.—The Beaverton City Council has approved a six-month Exclusive Negotiation Agreement (ENA) between the city and the team comprised of Rembold Properties and Gerding Edlen Development to support the redevelopment of the publicly-owned Westgate site, located in the Creekside District.

Gerding Edlen and Rembold have proposed multifamily housing (with ground-floor retail), a hotel, a publicly owned arts and culture center, and a parking garage for Westgate and two adjacent parcels. For the next six months, the feasibility of the various planned uses will be refined and explored.

Westgate is a vacant four-acre parcel located between SW Cedar Hills Boulevard and SW Rose Biggi Avenue. The parcel is near the Beaverton Central light rail station, next to The Beaverton Building (city hall), office buildings, and a mixed-use condominium development.

“Westgate is an important location within the heart of downtown Beaverton and our Creekside District,” said Mayor Denny Doyle. “Downtown redevelopment is a community vision priority. I look forward to strolling through an active, 18-hour downtown and am excited about the possibilities the team is exploring.”

The experienced development team was selected from three strong proposals. The evaluation committee appreciated Rembold and Gerding Edlen’s significant experience, vision for the project and the depth of response.

The city’s Creekside District Master Plan identified Westgate as a catalytic site, meaning that its development could encourage other activity in the area. Once the development is complete, it should create a lively and attractive urban destination—taking advantage of nearby light rail, and promoting redevelopment on nearby properties.

For more information on the redevelopment of Westgate, contact Cadence Moylan at 503-526-2213 or cmoylan@BeavertonOregon.gov.

ABOUT BEAVERTON

Beaverton is a welcoming and responsible city that enjoys one of the most diverse populations in Oregon. In 2015, Beaverton was recognized as the **safest city** in the Pacific Northwest (according to CQ Press for cities more than 75,000). Recently, the city’s award-

winning finance department received the **Distinguished Budget Presentation Award** as well as the **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting**. In 2012, the city was awarded the **Mayors' Climate Protection Award** from the U.S. Conference of Mayors. It was named **one of the 100 Best Places to Live in America** by *Money* magazine and recognized as one of the **best places to raise kids** by *BusinessWeek* magazine. The city was named **one of the top 25 Suburbs for Retirement** by *Forbes.com* and **one of the 100 Best Walking Cities in America** by *Prevention* magazine. The city also received the **Recycler of the Year** award from the Association of Oregon Recyclers, named a **Tree City USA** by the Arbor Day Foundation, received a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** designation by the League of American Bicyclists, and recognized as one of the Environmental Protection Agency's **Green Power Communities**. Lastly, the city's nationally acclaimed visioning program was named **Public Involvement Project of the Year—Best Planning Project** by the International Association of Public Participation (IAP2) Cascade Chapter and also received the prestigious **3CMA Award of Excellence**.

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